

Docket No. A2011-57

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on August 29, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Watson post office located in Watson, Alabama. The petition for review was filed by the Citizens of Ottosen (Petitioner) and is postmarked August 19, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than September 13, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: August 30, 2011

Attachment

August 15, 2011

POSTAL REDULATORY COMMISSION  
901 NEW YOURK AVENUE NW SUITE 200  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our post office by September 18, 2011. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We, the customers of the Ottosen Post office, vigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal serviced to rural areas, communities, and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery services raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and COD's.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with the Bode Post Office is being done over our objections. This will mean the loss of our identity as a community. We will not have a postmaster or officer in charge that we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a distant postmaster in the home office of our station.

We cannot see any savings to the Postal Service under this arrangement. The clerk in charge of the station will be not earning as much as a postmaster and the building rent is paid through 2015.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider out protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully;

*Citizens of Ottosen*  
*Post Office*

*Veronica J. Fowler*

*Ramona Kinseath*

*Richard M. Kinseath*

*Jack Newton*

*Ramona Lounsbury*

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